



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Johnny Key
Commissioner

State Board
of Education

Sam Ledbetter
Little Rock
Chair

Toyce Newton
Crossett
Vice Chair

Dr. Jay Barth
Little Rock

Joe Black
Newport

Kim Davis
Fayetteville

Alice Mahony
El Dorado

Mireya Reith
Fayetteville

Vicki Saviers
Little Rock

Diane Zook
Melbourne

September 11, 2018

Danny Thomas
Magnet Cove School District
472 Magnet School Road
Malvern, AR 72104

Dear Superintendent:

- ✓ The District's renewal for an exemption to the Whole Grain Rich requirements for the 2018-19 School Year for the following products has been **APPROVED** based on the documentation provided.

1. Spaghetti noodles 2. Biscuit 3. Roll

The District's request for an exemption to the Whole Grain Rich requirements for the 2018-19 School Year for the following product has been **DENIED** approval based on the documentation provided:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

REASON(S) FOR DENIAL OF APPROVAL BASED ON REASON FOR REQUEST:

- ____ A. Documentation provided did not justify Financial Hardship.
____ B. Documentation provided did not support Limited Product Availability.
____ C. Documentation provided does not support Unacceptable Product Quality.
____ D. Documentation provided does not support Poor Student Acceptability.

REASON(S) FOR DENIAL OF APPROVAL BASED ON EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH WGR REQUIREMENT:

- ____ A. The SFA sought technical assistance from the state agency or the manufacturer of the WGR products and followed product instructions. *Description inadequate.*
____ B. The SFA used alternative product types/brands. *Attached list of products (description, manufacturer and product number) is inadequate.*
____ C. The SFA used alternative cooking methods or modified the recipe. *Description and provide recipes/production records are inadequate.*

REASON FOR DENIAL OF APPROVAL BASED ON PLAN FOR FUTURE COMPLIANCE:

- ____ The attached description of the SFA's plan to achieve future compliance with the full WGR requirement after the exemption for the 2018-19 school year expires is inadequate.

The approved SFA will comply with the federal requirement that at least half (1/2) of all grains credited to meet meal pattern requirements for the week in the school meals program will be WGR and any grain products approved will be enriched.

Sincerely,

Myia McBride

Myia McBride
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Coordinator

Suzanne Davidson by Sheila Chastain

Suzanne Davidson Director, Child Nutrition Unit

Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR
72201-1019
(501) 682-4475
ArkansasEd.org